

"THE BONDAGE OF ILLITERACY"

**Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart,
Whose Moonlight Schools in
Rowan County Worked Mod-
ern Miracles, Spoke of
Her Work**

**Explains Plan and Scope of Methods
Which Are Now Spreading
To Every State**

Shall a woman of the instinctive grace, culture and ability of Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart be denied the ballot, while illiterate white men and Negroes have the full voting franchise?

In heaven's name, No!

Only a small audience greeted Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart last evening at the High School auditorium, and when Mrs. Abner Hord, president of the Mason County Woman's Club presented the noted woman to the fifty people present it was 8:35 o'clock.

Mrs. Hord of course praised Mrs. Stewart and her great work and said that monuments and mausoleums have ever been erected to our heroes and heroines and that none were more worthy and sure of an enduring record and marble and bronze remembrances than Mrs. Cora Wilson Stewart.

Mrs. Stewart is almost too well known personally to again write of her many charms of manner, magnetism and fluency of speech. She is earnest, able and eloquent and when one hears the story direct from her telling her native county, Rowan, it sounds, indeed like a chapter from a fairy tale.

"The Bondage of Illiteracy!"

She spoke with great force and effect of her plan of work and how she enlisted an educational army of hundreds of teachers and near-teachers and how in two brief years she and her assistants wiped the darkness of ignorance off the Rowan County map; how, when she began there were 1154 grown people in her county who could neither read nor write and that when the campaign ended there were only 22.

Is there a single man or woman in this world who ever accomplished a thing like this?

"Moonlight Schools" she declared were started to reach the class of people who imagine they have not time for education in the day time. They are enabled to travel to the school houses by moonlight and take lessons for two hours. Her results have been marvelous as the lantern slides exhibiting scenes of her work plainly showed.

At the beginning of her address Mrs. Stewart complimented Mason County as a center of education and declared that Miss Yancey's "Consolidated Schools" were one of the most advanced steps in modern methods of education.

She declared that Mason County was always inspiring to the scholar and teacher and that she now fully hoped and expected that the 1136 illiterate white and colored people in Mason County would within the next year be reduced to a minimum.

The "Moonlight" system of wiping out illiteracy was now being adopted in over a dozen States and that the time is now ripe for all the counties of Kentucky to take up the work and complete the educational organization for such a campaign as we have never seen before.

She also paid a very high compliment to Hon. Stanley F. Reed, Representative from Mason County in the Kentucky Legislature and said that his work at Frankfort in behalf of education easily put him in the lead in this respect and that he was the very head and front of every move and every good law to advance the school and colleges of Kentucky.

While Mrs. Stewart was here she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Darlington E. Fee of Sutton street and at 3:30 yesterday afternoon the distinguished lady was given a very beautiful reception at the Maysville Public Library over two-score of this city's leading women meeting her.

Delightful fruit, punch and wafer confections were served. Mrs. J. Foster Barbour, Miss Harriette Cochran, Miss Eliza Richeson and Miss Lottie Berry presiding at the table.